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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. DURING HAL SCOTT'S RECENT TRIP TO MOSCOW, HE DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF A US-USSR TOURISM AGREEMENT WITH NIKITIN AND BOYCHENKO. THEY RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AND SUGGESTED THAT SOMETHING BE DONE IN TIME FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL. AMEXCO IS ALSO EAGER TO GET SOMETHING GOING, AND SCOTT WILL BE COMING TO WASHINGTON SOON TO EXPLORE THE IDEA WITH COMMERCE AND STATE. WE'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

2. BILL FARRAND IS HAPPY WITH THE LOEBNER APARTMENT AND REGRETS ANY MISUNDERSTANDING. HE WILL ARRIVE WIFE AND TWO YEAR OLD SON AND TWO CHILDREN WILL VISIT IN SUBSEQUENT SUMMERS.

3. YOU HAVE CERTAINLY WON US OVER ON THE QUESTION OF WHAT FLOORS OF GORKIY SHOULD BE USED, AND WE WILL WORK ON THE ARCHITECT. FOR A LONG TIME THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF
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RESISTANCE TO ANY APARTMENT (WHICH ROBIN CAN TELL YOU

ABOUT) ON THE GROUNDS THAT ONLY A FREE STANDING BUILDING A LA LENINGRAD OFFERED THE NECESSARY SPACE. SO IN LEADING THE BATTLE FOR THE FALLBACK TO AN APARTMENT IN THE GORKIY BUILDING WE OPTED FOR THE LARGER ONE WITH MORE ADAPTABLE

REPRESENTATION SPACE. BUT OUR MOTTO IN ALL THIS HAS BEEN "LESS IS MORE" AND YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING SEEN THE PROPERTY, A FACT WHICH WE WILL IMPRESS ON OTHERS HERE. FOR THE REST, WE ASSUME OUR CABLE OF TODAY TAKES CARE OF MOST OF THE PROBLEMS.

4. RALPH CLOUGH, RETIRED FSO CHINA SPECIALIST AT BROOKINGS INSTITUTE HAS AN INVITATION FROM THE USA INSTITUTE FOR A TWO-WEEK VISIT AND TRAVEL IN THE USSR IN MID-OCTOBER. CLOUGH SEEKS CU FUNDING FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM. COULD VISIT BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY, E.G. IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO SOVIET CHINA WATCHERS AND A READING ON THEIR CURRENT THINKING? HE IS WILLING TO EXTEND HIS STAY UP TO ONE ADDITIONAL WEEK IF EMBASSY WOULD WISH TO OFFER HIM AS A SPEAKER TO OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTES. OUR INITIAL FEELING WAS THAT THIS WAS NOT A LOGICAL WAY TO SPEND CU MONEY BUT IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL WE WILL GO ALONG.

5. ALTHOUGH WE WERE ABLE TO REASSURE EB AND OTHER PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN LEFT IN THE DARK ABOUT BAKKE'S AGREEMENT, YOU WILL NOTE FROM A SEPARATE CABLE THAT THE FMC IS NOW CLAIMING THAT KEN YALOWITZ WAS AWARE THAT A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WAS IN THE OFFING AND THAT KEN TOLD BAKKE THAT PRIOR EMBASSY CLEARANCE WAS NOT NEEDED FOR BAKKE TO SIGN IT. THE FMC HAS BEEN PUT ON THE DEFENSIVE BY A STRONG COMPLAINT FROM THE ADDRESSEE OF THE FMC LETTER THAT BAKKE WENT AHEAD AND CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT CONSULTING STATE. WE ASSUME FROM YOUR 11448 THAT THE EMBASSY CAN DENY WHAT THE FMC IS CONTENDING, AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR DOING SO IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS.

6. THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE EXHIBIT DOCTOR WAS NEWS TO US. WE HADN'T EVEN SEEN THE USIACS. WE HAVE BROUGHT USIA UP SHORT AND ASKED TO BE CUT IN IN THE FUTURE. I GATHER THAT CONABLE BLEW THE WHISTLE ON THEM. YOUR COMMENTS
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MAY SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE IN REGULAR CHANNEL. ROBINSON

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